



## BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

**Monday, June 24, 2019, 7:30 pm**  
**Board Room**  
**Administration Building**  
**133 Greenbank Road**  
**Ottawa, Ontario**

Trustees: Donna Blackburn, Erica Braunovan, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Wendy Hough, Keith Penny, Lynn Scott, Isaac Glassman (Student Trustee) , Samantha Lin (Student Trustee)

Staff: Camille Williams-Taylor (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Janice McCoy (Superintendent of Human Resources), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Katrine Mallan (Manager of Board Services), Karyn Carty Ostafichuk, (Manager of Planning), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), John MacKinnon (Audio-Visual Technician), Nicole Guthrie (Senior Board Coordinator)

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Trustee Hough, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**Carried**

3. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Lin and Glassman presented their report on the progress they have made over the 2018-2019 school year in their roles within the Student Senate, Student Presidents' Council, and as Executive Council members of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO).

During their presentation and in response to questions the following points were noted:

- The Student Senate participation in the District's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan process and the Draft Mental Health Strategy was a highlight of their term;
- The OCDSB Student Senate led Town Hall was a success. The Town Hall is an effective and easy to implement solution to ensure students have a mechanism to share thoughts and feedback with the administration and should be encouraged;
- A survey on preferred communication strategies to engage and connect with students was conducted. The survey concluded that students prefer in-person engagement, town hall style, and public engagement over electronic communication;
- Student Trustees Lin and Glassman created a promotional video to increase student awareness on the role of student trustee. The video is available on the District's YouTube channel;
- Student Trustees Lin and Glassman participated in the creation of the OSTA-AECO Vision Document. A first for the organization, the OSTA-AECO Vision Document outlines a broad plan for the organization in pursuit of change within the education system. The Vision Document contains 35 recommendations backed with student voice;
- Student Trustees Lin and Glassman attended the OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting in May 2019; and
- Student Trustee Glassman recommended that all trustees attend one student senate meeting a year, attend one town hall or similar event in their zone at least once a year and find student trustees in their zone and connect with them.

Student Trustee Lin thanked all Board members and staff for contributing to their positive and valuable experiences in their roles over the school year. She highlighted the support of Superintendent Lehman, Trustee Braunovan, Vice-Principal Gagnon and Myra Wells.

In response to a query from Trustee Ellis, Student Trustee Lin advised that trustees continue to provide support to student trustees. She cited the importance of Trustee Ellis's generous support in helping them run a successful student event.

Chair Scott thanked Student Trustees Lin and Glassman for their presentation. She noted that both student trustees had done a tremendous job throughout the school year.

#### 4. Presentation to Student Trustees for 2018-2019

Chair Scott remarked that student trustees provide a vital role for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. She noted that in 2018-2020 the District was

fortunate to be represented by two skillful, articulate, engaging and highly intelligent student trustees, Isaac Glassman and Samantha Lin.

Director Williams-Taylor presented an award and token of appreciation to Student Trustee Lin. Chair Scott noted Ms. Lin would be attending Western University in the fall of 2019 in the Business Management and Organizational Studies and Ivey Program.

Director Williams-Taylor presented an award and token of appreciation to Student Trustee Glassman. Chair Scott noted that Mr. Glassman would be traveling in Australia and Asia working on organic farms and plans to attend McMaster University in the fall of 2020 to pursue a degree in Health Sciences.

Director Williams-Taylor wished the students well in their post-secondary studies and every success in future endeavors.

Chair Scott thanked the student trustees for their effort and commitment to public education and student voice.

Chair Scott acknowledged the presence of Mr. Alex MacDonald and Mr. Kayvon Mihan, former OCDSB student trustees, seated in the public gallery and welcomed new student trustees Prasith Wijeweera and Ganaabouté Gagné.

5. Presentation of the OPSBA 2019 Jack A. MacDonald Award of Merit to Hannah Burrows

Chair Scott and Director Williams-Taylor presented the Ontario Public School Boards' Association's 2019 Jack A. MacDonald Award of Merit to Hannah Burrows, a graduating student from Osgoode Township High School. Chair Scott noted that the award is presented to students who have a sound academic record and have demonstrated outstanding community service and leadership.

6. Report from the Board (In Camera)

Trustee Braunovan reported that the Board met in camera earlier this evening and reports and recommends as follows:

6.1 External Audit Services Contract

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT a two-year contract be negotiated with KPMG LLP in compliance with the interim measures established under the Centralized Procurement Initiative (CPI) for the Ontario Public Service and Broader Public Sector (BPS) organizations.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

6.2 Human Resources Matter

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT staff proceed as directed in Board, in camera, with respect to a Human Resources matter.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

6.3 Elmdale Public School Addition and Retrofit – Budget Revision

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT staff proceed, as directed in Board in camera, with respect to the Budget Revision for the Elmdale Public School Addition and Retrofit.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

6.4 Employee and Family Assistance Program

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT the Board approve a one-year extension of the contract with Morneau Shepell for the Employee and Family Assistance Program, from 31 August 2019 to 31 August 2020.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

7. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

Chair Scott noted that a recording of the 2019 OCDSB Community Recognition Awards ceremony would air on Rogers TV, Ottawa Cable 22 on Tuesday 25 June at 9:30 p.m.

Chair Scott advised that the meeting would be the last Board meeting for the 2018-2019 school year.

Chair Scott expressed gratitude to all OCDSB trustees, student trustees, staff, parents, and the community for remaining engaged and dedicated to the achievement and well-being of the children across our District.

8. Briefing from the Director

Director Williams-Taylor advised that the students at Katimavik Elementary School created, developed and supervised business ventures during the 2018-2019 school year as part of the Entrepreneurial Adventure program. Their work, along with eleven others from Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, and Ottawa, were recognized with a BMO National Student Innovation Award. Director Williams-Taylor congratulated Katimavik ES for their award in the "Teamwork" category for their Escape Night.

Director Williams-Taylor noted that students working with the JA program through the Ottawa Network for Education (ONFE) initiated, operated and wound down real businesses with the help of volunteer business advisors and teachers. The JA program helps Ottawa's young people develop business skills and innovative thinking. She added that the 2019 JA Ottawa Student Business Awards Ceremony was held on 11 June 2019 at Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School and was the largest JA Awards ever. Several secondary school students from the District received awards for their projects.

Director Williams-Taylor highlighted the graduation ceremonies taking place across the District. She congratulated all students on their achievement and wished them well in their future.

9. Delegations

There were no delegations.

10. Matters for Action

10.1 Confirmation of Board Minutes, 28 May 2019

**Moved by Trustee Hough, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the minutes of the Board meeting, dated 28 May 2019, be confirmed.**

**Carried**

10.2 Confirmation of Special Board Minutes, 10 June 2019 (approval of budget)

**Moved by Trustee Hough, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the minutes of the Special Board meeting, dated 10 June 2019, be confirmed.**

**Carried**

10.3 Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the Board minutes.

10.4 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 21 May 2019

**Moved by Trustee Braunovan, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 21 May 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

The recommendation regarding the Elementary English with Core French Program was dealt with at the Board meeting of 28 May 2019.

10.5 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 4 June 2019

**Moved by Trustee Braunovan, seconded by Trustee Campbell,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 4 June 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

10.6 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 18 June 2019

**Moved by Trustee Braunovan, seconded by Trustee Hough,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 18 June 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

10.6.a Special Education Plan 2019 and Special Education Report 2019

**Moved by** Trustee Campbell

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

1. **THAT the 2018-2019 Special Education Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report No. 19-064, be approved; and**
2. **THAT the 2019 Special Education Report, attached as Appendix B to Report No.19-064, be approved.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

10.6.b Education Development Charges Amending By-Law

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

1. **THAT the Board confirm that an additional public meeting under section 257.63 (3) of the *Education Act* is not**

required prior to the adoption of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's Education Development Charges Amending By-law No. 02-2019;

2. **THAT the Board approve the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Education Development Charges Amending By-law No. 02-2019 (attached as Appendix B to Report 19-067), and authorize staff to undertake steps regarding its implementation effective 29 June 2019; and**
3. **THAT the Board set the rates of \$787.00 per new residential dwelling unit and \$0.58 per new square foot of non-residential gross floor area, to be implemented in accordance with the schedules contained in Appendix B to Report 19-067.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

**10.6.c New Fernbank Elementary School - Grade Structure, Program and Attendance Boundary**

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

1. **THAT the opening grade structure, program offering, and attendance boundary for the new Fernbank elementary school be approved as outlined in Appendix C of Report No. 19-070, to be implemented upon its opening;**
2. **THAT the revised attendance boundary for John Young Elementary School be approved according to Appendix C of Report No. 19-070, to be implemented upon the opening of the new Fernbank elementary school; and**
3. **THAT upon the opening of the new Fernbank elementary school, a boundary revision be approved that redirects a portion of the Bridlewood Community Elementary School Middle French Immersion program boundary to A. Lorne**

**Cassidy Elementary School, beginning with grade 4 and adding one grade per year thereafter, as outlined in Appendix D of Report No. 19-070.**

A recorded vote was held and was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (8)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

**10.6.d 2019-2023 Strategic Plan**

This was a non-consent item and, when dealt with later in the meeting, the following discussion ensued.

Moved Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Braunovan,

THAT the Strategic Plan 2019-2023, attached as Appendix A of Report 19-068, be approved.

In introducing the motion Trustee Campbell thanked staff, stakeholders and fellow trustees for their hard work on the strategic plan.

Director Williams-Taylor noted that in response to queries at the 18 June 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Memo 19-089 was provided as supplemental information. She suggested that based on input from the senior team, the Indigenous Education team, and the Indigenous community, the District continue the use of the current land acknowledgment developed with Indigenous partners.

**Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Ellis,**

**THAT the Board adopt the Rules of the Committee.**

**Carried**

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the large print run of the strategic plan be delayed until staff has consulted with IEAC on the wording of the land acknowledgment.

Director Williams-Taylor noted that all of the advisory committees would continue to be a part of the conversation as the strategic plan

is implemented. The approval of the strategic plan signals an operational shift. Staff and administrators must understand the vision as they begin their planning for the 2019-2020 school year. The strategic plan will help in the development of school action plans. Director Williams-Taylor advised that the amendment would impact the timeline for implementation. As the District continues to learn about its role in reconciliation, the District recognizes that the Indigenous communities will provide guidance and the District aims to be responsive to their insight.

In response to a query from Trustee Penny, staff noted that the delay of the printed material would result in missed opportunities for awareness building. Senior staff aim to move quickly from adoption to implementation and having visual reminders for schools, staff and the community is essential. Staff advised that should the amendment pass, the printed materials would not be distributed to schools until early 2020.

Trustee Blackburn, speaking against the amendment, noted that Memo 19-089 indicates the District's longstanding efforts to work with and consult Indigenous communities. The current land acknowledgment statement was generated with their input. She expressed the view that the plan must be communicated quickly and broadly in a variety of media sources to ensure staff begins its implementation at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Trustee Hough expressed the view that by supporting the amendment, the Board has an opportunity to highlight the agility of the plan and show leadership.

In wrap up, Trustee Lyra Evans stressed the importance of being considerate and accurate with both the language and intent of the land acknowledgment and that the delay would be acceptable to ensure that the Indigenous community is consulted.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the large print run of the strategic plan be delayed until staff has consulted with IEAC on the wording of the land acknowledgment.

Defeated

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the first goal and the third goal in Culture of Social Responsibility (as indicated on pages 103 and 106) be reversed.

Trustee Lyra Evans expressed the view that by reordering the list the District emphasizes environmental stewardship.

Trustee Campbell advised that he would not be in support of the amendment as the goals are not listed in rank order and the community was not broadly consulted on the priority of each goal. He suggested that the action plan will better define areas of priority.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the first goal and the third goal in Culture of Social Responsibility (as indicated on pages 103 and 106) be reversed.

Defeated

Trustee Ellis expressed the view that the strategic plan must be responsive to the community and the learning needs of students. He feared the notion of agility and its impact on the strategic plan. Director Williams-Taylor noted that the strategic plan would serve as a blueprint to structure and focus action. She also noted that a flexible plan would enable the District to reflect and expand on new learning. The strategic plan will be executed through the action plans of the Board and staff. The action plans will adjust year to year to achieve milestones, while the key goals and areas of focus identified within each culture will not change.

**Moved by Trustee Braunovan,**

**THAT the Board end the Rules of Committee.**

**Carried**

**Moved by** Trustee Campbell

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT the Strategic Plan 2019-2023, attached as Appendix A of Report 19-068, be approved. (Attached as Appendix A)**

A recorded vote was held and was carried on the following division:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny, and Scott (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Ellis (1)

**Carried**

10.7 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 29 May 2019

**Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Campbell,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget Report, dated 29 May 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

10.8 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 3 June 2019

**Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget Report, dated 3 June 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

10.9 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Budget Report, 10 June 2019

**Moved by Trustee Penny, seconded by Trustee Ellis,**

**THAT the Committee of the Whole Budget Report, dated 10 June 2019, be received.**

**Carried**

11. Matters for Discussion

11.1 Report from OPSBA Representatives (if required)

There was no OPSBA report.

12. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

13. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

Director Williams-Taylor noted that the Environmental Climate Fund, created for the 2019-2020 school year at the 10 June 2019 Special Board meeting, will be further discussed by senior staff. Details will be communicated to school staff and councils.

Chair Scott indicated her intention to prepare a congratulatory letter to the new Education Minister Lecce. She added that she would also send a message to the new minister responsible for the Ontario Autism Program. She noted that although the Board will not meet for another two months, outreach efforts will continue. Trustee Blackburn suggested that the Chair follows up on the meeting request with local MP Lisa McLeod.

Chair Scott expressed appreciation to staff for their hard work over the past year and wished everyone a safe and happy summer break.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board